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IOWA INDIANS.—The Muskwagees, save in a singular particular, are strictly honest; and though they have but the slightest knowledge of numbers, they remember their accounts with surprising accuracy. When they buy anything for which they cannot pay down, they must have the amount written on a piece of paper for them. They cannot read it, of course, but they never fail to bring it with them when they come to settle, and to know just how much money it represents. Their idea of business is just this: If Maw-nock-e-maw owes me \$10, I write out his note for the amount, sign his name to it, and he takes "his mark" by touching the top of my penholder while I execute the mark (X) on my self. Then he keeps the note to remind him that he owes me. Without pocket, pocket-book, drawer or shelf, in all the world, it is an utter mystery how he does keep it; but as certainly as the day of payment comes, so certainly does he fish out, from some recess or fold of blanket, breech cloth, or loggin' the identical promise to pay, and hands over both it and the specified amount. He has no idea of interest. Interest is a product of civilization. Now that he has paid it, I must keep the note to remind me that he does not owe me. Should I afterward present it to him for payment the fact of its being in my possession would be to him conclusive proof that he had paid it.

A REMARKABLE OIL WELL.—A most remarkable oil well in the town of Rock, near Janesville, Wisconsin, has excited a good deal of attention among scientific men in that region. Its great peculiarity is that it is bored through a series of stratified rocks older than the coal formation, and is situated in a State where no coal exists. As it is admitted that oil is a product of carboniferous formations, the question that puzzles people was, where could the oil have come from? Certainly not from the Illinois coal beds, which are near by, because the dip of the strata, strongly defined, is from North to South, and it would be still more strange to find petroleum flowing up hill to an outlet higher than its source, than to discover its existence in a rock where, according to the laws of geology, it had no business to be. Still there was no doubt that there was oil in the well. At last a close investigation of the unctuous fluid showed that the oil was refined petroleum, whereupon sensible observers came to the conclusion that its presence was no longer a mystery, but could be accounted for on the theory that the proprietor, who is not adverse to selling, only pumped out what he had previously poured in. Others less skeptical are investing their money in the further development of this extraordinary territory, where the wells yield refined oil.

THE LUCIFER MATCH.—The invention of our present lucifer match was great because it was so small, and it now turns out that the production of this most useful, but at the same time most dangerous firework, was due to a happy thought which flashed through the brain of Mr. Isaac Holden, who is now the proprietor of the match company. Mr. Holden has been in the morning to pursue his studies in chemistry, and experienced the gravest inconvenience from his tedious efforts to obtain a light from flint and steel. He was giving lectures at this time to a very large academy. He goes on to say: "Of course I knew, as other chemists did, the explosive material that was necessary in order to produce instantaneous light; but it was very difficult to obtain a light on wood by that explosive material, and the idea occurred to me to put under the explosive mixture sulphur. I did that, and published it in my next lecture, and showed it. There was a young man in the room whose father was a chemist in London, and he immediately wrote to his father about it, and shortly afterwards lucifer matches were issued to the world."—*Full Mail Gazette.*

FORTUNES AND MISFORTUNES.—A rather singular instance of the extremes of fortune comes from the Pacific slope. One of the early pioneers of San Francisco was William Ellis, a printer by trade. By his industry he accumulated quite a sum of money, which he sent to his wife in Chicago, to be by her interest in real estate. In 1854 property in the latter place took a sudden rise, and Ellis became wealthy. So he returned to Chicago, where he resided until recently, when he took it into his head to revisit San Francisco, taking with him his wife, who was a sufferer from pulmonary ailments. Soon after their arrival the Chicago fire occurred, whereby he was a heavy loser. While preparing to return home his wife died. To complete his ill-luck he was a passenger on a train which was thrown from the track, thereby he was severely injured, and he now lies in the hospital at Sacramento.

CURIOUS CASE.—A small farmer residing in the hamlet of Villebeau (Seine-et-Oise) has, in a fit of mental aberration, deprived himself of sight, that he might no longer be a witness of the occupation of his country by the Prussians, who had burned down all his property in his presence, a member of his family perishing in the flames. He had often threatened that he would tear out his eyes, and everything that could be thought of was kept out of his mind. He, however, got hold of a book which described the Chinese method of blinding offenders of high position by placing a small portion of quicklime over the eyes and trying it down with a wet handkerchief. He prepared some lime, applied it in this manner, and destroyed his sight.

A NEW BRITISH LORD.—In elevating Mr. Walter, the principal proprietor of the London Times to the peerage, the British Government has paid a compliment to the printing craft. While the new Lord was not himself a practical printer, his grandfather, who founded the Times, was a printer. Such compliments are not often paid, except in the cases of judges and politicians of great eminence, and military and naval heroes. The possession of great landed estates is usually reckoned indispensable for this mission among the hereditary legislators. This however, is not alone the distinction. A singular prejudice prevails against physicians; they alone of professional men having never had a representation in the House of Lords.—*Rich. Whig.*

FALL AND WINTER.—Coal, Hods, Coal and Ash Shovels, Shovel and Tongs, Penders, Fire Dogs, etc., with a full stock of Hardware and Cutlery, at wholesale and retail. JAS. F. CARLIN & SON.

DRUGS AND CHEMICALS.

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